

fence of a free state and popular government. The states of Europe, and especially *Germany*, feel the effects of neglecting to encourage their yeomanry to the use of arms, and are every where enslaved by a *standing*, regular force.

The United States of America, when they declared their independence, sorely felt the want of a disciplined militia, and I hope *all* other countries, who neglect to encourage such a force, will feel *ten times* more numerous ills, than they did.

We have a numerous standing force always at hand, and we do not know how soon they may be called upon to annihilate our rights and liberties, especially when we consider the *complexions* of their characters. Foreign mercenary hirelings is one part, and the scum of "Brittons, rascals, runaways," the other.

Here then have I shown the necessity of a perfect and sufficient militia, founded on the firm basis of the British constitution. I desire no other.

The House of Assembly have also rejected a bill to put a stop to the quackery, which is practised on the unthinking and ignorant part of the community, by people calling themselves physicians, surgeons, &c. Perhaps the members thought, that as they followed quackery in the *political* line, they ought also to encourage it in the *healing* one. If a bill of this kind is not carried into effect, I expect shortly to see the *barber* lay down one bleeding instrument which is his razor, and take up the lance as a substitute; and the *cobler* lay down his awl and pairing knife, and take up the *probing* pin and *dissecting* knife; and all this practised with impunity.

The last act, and a most shameful and disgraceful one it is, is their increasing their pay, at this critical juncture. The province labouring under debts, which I fear it can *never* redeem, a *diminished* revenue, *exorbitant* taxes, an *enormous* civil list of upwards of 16000*l*! the plunder in the public offices under all these direful and distressing circumstances, have the